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## Budget a 'gambit': Finance minister

### Alberta Budget

**POLITICS** Alberta Finance Minister Ted Morton has hit the airwaves to sell his budget with the explanation that "no gambit is risk free."

The new budget pours money into health care, but leaves a record deficit and billions of new debt.

Morton told a radio show his plan tries to manage risk while covering services. Premier Ed Stelmach had said there would be deep spending cuts, but Morton says the plan was changed because of the recession.

But Wildrose Alliance Leader Danielle Smith says Alberta is getting only mediocre results despite having the second highest per-capita spending in Canada. Smith says people are asking why British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan manage to deliver a comparable system for a lot less money.

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Athens 'We are struggling to live'



Demonstrators holding a banner reading "We are struggling to live" in Greek protest in central Athens yesterday. About 7,000 people took part in two separate, peaceful marches in a drizzly Athens, against the centre-left government's plan to ease Greece out of a debt crisis that has alarmed European Union partners and international markets, weakening the euro. More coverage, page 8

## Bissell Centre celebrating its centennial

**POVERTY** One hundred years ago Rev. William Pike and his wife, Florence, founded the Bissell Centre — originally named All People's Mission — to help Ukrainian immigrants settle into the community.

In the foyer of city hall yesterday, the Bissell Centre kicked off its centennial celebration in front of a packed house.

The Bissell Centre is a community resource centre in Edmonton's inner city for individuals and families living in poverty. For its birthday, the centre was awarded \$97,000 in funding from the federal government and MP Peter Goldring was on hand to make the announcement.

"The work that the Bissell Centre has done through all of these years has been so wonderfully commendable," he said.

While the event kicked off a year-long celebration, Mayor Stephen Mandel said he hopes to see the day when a facility like Bissell isn't necessary in the city.

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# City wants LRT input

Online voting open for three possible expansion routes

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at that site."

The potential LRT routes include corridors which run primarily along St. Albert Trail, 127 Street or 113 A Street. All three would begin at the NAIT LRT station — which the city hopes to have completed by 2014 — and end at the proposed Park and Ride site southeast of St. Albert.

"As with any LRT routes or planning study, there are going to be impacts to resi-

transportation planning. "So we're offering an extensive public consultation process providing opportunities for the public to be informed of the route selection process."

An online survey is underway at [www.edmonton.ca/LRT](http://www.edmonton.ca/LRT) projects and will be online until Feb. 24. Work-

shops and further consultations are planned for

March. A final recommendation will be put forward to city council in June.

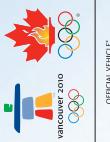
dents and businesses along the corridor," said Adam Laughlin, director of facilities and capital planning,

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**ASSAULT** A 51-year-old male has been charged with assault following an incident at an Edmonton Transit bus terminal on Tuesday. At about 4:30 p.m. police received a call from ETS security about an alleged physical altercation between the driver and a male passenger at the Millgate bus terminal on 45 Avenue and 86 Street. The driver suffered minor injuries in the altercation and the accused suffered some scrapes and abrasions.

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## A 'grassroots' approach

FC Edmonton hopes to work with community and feature local talent

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**Edmonton's newest soccer team will start playing in the 2011 season, and the team's general manager is hopeful that the lineup will include a lot of local players.**

The team, tentatively named FC Edmonton, has approached Foote Field and Clarke Park as possible venues for practice and home games.

"This year we're going to play a series of exhibi-

tion games," general manager Mel Kowalchuk said. "We will be inviting players to our training camp in April."

The team will give local players a chance to be on the team before branching out and adding European players.

"Hopefully with enough games this year, the young kids can fill in and do the job."

Kowalchuk feels that the timing is right for a

new Edmonton soccer team to come into existence because of popular media, particularly soccer-oriented television stations.

"The North American Soccer League brought in probably more superstars than a lot of European teams had, but the North American sports fans did not know that," Kowalchuk said, referring to the Edmonton Drillers in the '70s and '80s.

"There's probably more soccer channels out there than anything else, and it gives you a lot of exposure."

Kowalchuk hopes the team will give local players a chance to stay here and work with their home teams rather than going abroad to play.

FC Edmonton plans to advertise in a "grassroots" way, meaning they will infiltrate the community soccer teams. The team will also utilize the Internet and other more traditional forms of advertising.



## Province adds 100 new cops, 35 for Edmonton

**CODIE MCLACHLAN**  
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**SAFETY** The province will add 100 more police officers to its ranks this year, fulfilling its promise to add 300 officers over three years.

"Times have changed since I made that promise," Premier Ed Stelmach said during a press conference at the Alberta legislature yesterday. "But one thing that hasn't changed is Albertans' desire to feel safe, to feel secure in their homes and in their communities."

"Alberta is a safer place because of the addition of 300 new officers and the excellent work done by police everyday," Stelmach said.

Of those 100 new officers, 35 are being added to Edmonton and 41 are being added to Calgary.

"It makes an impact on



Solicitor general Frank Oberle, left, speaks to the media during a press conference about the addition of 100 new police officers yesterday at the Alberta legislature, as Premier Ed Stelmach, middle, and acting Chief Norm Lipinski look on.

our communities, it helps to reduce crime and it makes Albertans feel safe," Solicitor General Frank Oberle said of the additions.

Funding has also been al-

located to add police in smaller communities, such as Camrose, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Oberle said the additions send a clear message to

criminals.

"We're making it harder for criminals to do business in Alberta," Oberle said. "There is strength in numbers."

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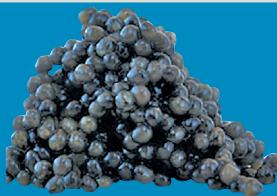
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# Canada



## PETA picks on premier

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has sent Premier Danny Williams, who is recovering from heart surgery, a vegan alternative to seal meat. PETA called it "veggie kelp caviar, which has the salty flavour of seal meat but none of the harmful fat." The premier's office called it a "crass" attempt to build support for PETA's anti-seal-hunt cause. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Store chains shun oilsands

**Two large U.S. retailers have announced they won't buy fuel derived from Alberta's oilsands as part of their efforts to fight climate change.**

Organic food store Whole Foods and home furnishings chain Bed, Bath and Beyond are believed to be the first major private-sector companies to tell their fuel suppliers they don't want gasoline or diesel refined from crude oil coming from the oilsands.

Refining the oil emits significantly more carbon dioxide than the production of other fuels.

"We lead on issues," Whole Foods vice-president Michael Besancon said yesterday.

"That's what we do and

**"We lead on issues. That's what we do and it's what's expected of us."**

Michael Besancon,  
Whole Foods VP

it's what's expected of us."

Whole Foods has 289 stores in three countries and more than a billion dollars in sales.

Bed, Bath and Beyond has more than 1,000 stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Andrew Frank of the environmental group Forest Ethics, which worked with the two firms to get them to make the move, said he expects more businesses to make similar moves.

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It's not kid's stuff **Flame's giant journey nears completion**



Children cheer as the Olympic torch relay passes by in North Vancouver, B.C., yesterday. The Olympic flame is on a 106-day journey across Canada in the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history. It will end with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremonies for the Vancouver Winter Olympics tomorrow.

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## Harper goes for PR gold

**HAZARDS** With the Games just a day away, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is preparing for an Olympic marathon — of speeches and photo ops.

Harper was here, there and everywhere in Vancouver yesterday, ending the day with a flag-raising at the athletes' village.

Today, he was scheduled to jump to Victoria for the first-ever speech by a prime minister to the B.C. legislature.

And the following evening, Harper will help officially open the Games at a glittering ceremony — kicking off 15 days of photo

### VANCOUVER 2010 Games

to ops for politicians of all stripes.

It's what's called the "euphoric bounce."

If the country feels good about the Winter Games, chances are they'll feel good about the politicians.

Pursuit of that bounce, however, can often be as perilous as snowboarding at 70 km/h.

Ask former sports minister Otto Jelinek about the 1988 Games in Calgary.

"The good thing about the '88 Winter Olympics

being over ... is that it means Sports Minister Otto Jelinek won't be turning up in our living rooms every half hour," wrote one journalist.

Jelinek might have been forgiven for exuberantly hoisting Elizabeth Manley aloft on national TV after she won a figure-skating silver medal. He was not.

Another journalist summed up the Calgary Games by describing Manley's performance as creating "yet another fawning attempt by Sports Minister Otto Jelinek to get his mug on camera."

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### No wedding frills needed

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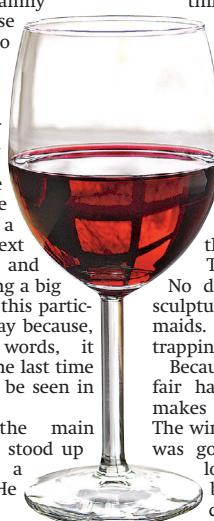
**Sofi Papamarko**


I am fortunate enough to have many friends and an impossibly huge extended family. As a result, I have been to a LOT of weddings.

Every wedding I've attended has been special in its own way. But some stand out more than others.

If there were Olympics-style scoring in place for weddings, they would be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Company
2. Emotion
3. Quality of food
4. Overall memorability
5. A distinct lack of "The Chicken Dance"



Before the main course, Lee stood up to make a speech. He thanked

I went to a wedding that scored off the charts this past weekend. The best part was that I didn't even know it was happening.

My dear friend Lindsay invited family and close friends to celebrate her boyfriend Lee's birthday at a French bistro. The couple are expecting a baby next month and were making a big deal out of this particular birthday because, in Lee's words, it would be the last time they'd ever be seen in public.

Before the main course, Lee stood up to make a speech. He thanked

everyone for coming and casually announced that he and Lindsay had gotten married earlier that day.

The birthday celebration suddenly became something else.

It's a wedding that I will remember much more vividly than all of the evenings featuring taffeta, extravagant floral arrangements, smoke machines and cheesy DJs playing Kool and the Gang.

There was no cake.

No dance floor. No ice sculptures. No bridesmaids. But none of these trappings were missed.

Because this low-key affair had everything that makes a wedding great:

The wine flowed. The food was gorgeous. The bride looked beautiful in a black maternity dress that she

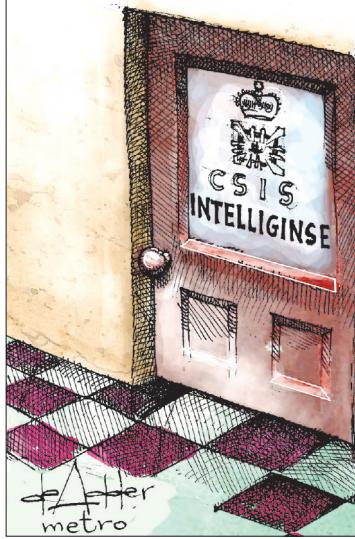
scored for 50 per cent off and a string of pearls with sentimental value. The speeches were tearful and sincere. And most importantly, the couple were surrounded by 25 people who love them.

Days later, I still well up whenever I think about it. It was perfectly imperfect. It was the best wedding I have ever attended and I will remember it for as long as I live.

Those of you planning weddings might fall into the trap of mistaking frills for needs. It's not a competition. It's about doing it in a way that makes you happy and reflects your personalities. Get married the way you want (if you choose to get married at all) and it can't be anything but wonderful.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

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#### Worth mentioning

### Possible stuttering gene could free parents of guilt

**RESEARCH** Why people stutter has long been a medical mystery, with the condition blamed over the years on emotional problems, overbearing parents and brow-beating teachers. Now, for the first time, scientists have found genes that could explain some cases of stuttering.

"In terms of myth busters, this is really an important step forward," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation.

Researchers taking part in a government-funded study discovered mutations in three genes that appear to cause the speech problem in some people.

Dennis Drayna, senior author of the study, said he hopes the results help convince doubters that stutter-

#### Past cause

- Without a known cause, stuttering has been attributed to such things as nervousness, lack of intelligence, stress or bad parenting. Stutterers were told it was all in their heads. Jane Fraser said parents contact her group worried they have done something to cause their children's stuttering. Were they too strict? Too attentive? Didn't pay enough attention?

ing "is almost certainly a biological problem."

The research, released yesterday by the New England Journal of Medicine, also points to a possible enzyme treatment for stuttering.

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# World



## Woman dies saving children

**FIRE** A South African orphanage director died a hero, rescuing nine children as their home burned, local media said yesterday.

The blaze early Tuesday killed Sarah Holland, the founder of the Hope of Christ Home in KwaZulu-Natal province, along with two adults and eight children between the ages of four and 15.

Holland, known as Granny, gathered the children into the only room without burglar bars, according to one of the children.

"Granny passed us all the little babies," Zanele Nkosi, 11, told the Times newspaper. "I gave the babies to my friend and we put them (on) one side and waited for others."

The cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

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## Civil strike brings Greece to standstill

**LABOUR** A strike by civil servants shut schools and grounded flights across Greece yesterday, as unions challenged cuts aimed at ending a government debt crisis that has shaken the entire European Union.

Air traffic controllers, customs and tax officials, doctors and schoolteachers walked off the job for 24 hours to protest sweeping government spending cuts that will freeze salaries and new hiring, cut bonuses and stipends and increase the average retirement age by to 63.

The strike left state hospitals working with emergency staff only and disrupted national rail travel, although urban mass transport was unaffected.

"It's a war against workers and we will answer with war, with constant struggles until this policy is overturned," said Christos Katsiotis, a representative of a communist-party affiliated labour union.

Despite harsh union rhetoric, turnout in Athens' two peaceful protest marches was low, at about 7,000 amid drizzly

### Help on way?

- Despite the strikes, markets reacted positively to indications that wealthy European countries are closer to rescuing Greece. Stocks in Europe rose yesterday for the second day on expectations of decisive action to prevent a Greek debt default that could spread to other EU countries.
- European Union leaders are to discuss Greek's economic woes during a summit today in Brussels.

weather, in a country where union demonstrations typically draw tens of thousands. Another 3,000 people showed up for two rallies in Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city.

A weekend newspaper poll showed that 70 per cent of Greeks backed the prime minister's call to cut civil servants' pay and perks, but were against measures that could affect them individually like new taxes or a higher retirement age.

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## Kenya moves prey closer to lions

Kenyan authorities plan to restore the predator-prey balance in one of the country's premier game parks after a recent drought — by moving thousands of zebras and wildebeests closer to the lions. At the end of a three-week operation, the Kenya Wildlife Service aims to relocate 4,000 zebras from different parts of the country to Amboseli National Park. In March, after the wildebeests have finished giving birth, the service plans to move 3,000 of them to the same park.

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Emily Tibbott skis past U.S. Capitol police officer Sean Whitehead as he stands guard on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday. The second blizzard in a week struck the area yesterday.

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## Another snowstorm hits U.S. East Coast

Washington breaks centuries-old snowfall record

**Massive snowfall and blinding winds blasted Washington and much of America's East Coast yesterday as the U.S. capital struggled with the latest storm in its most difficult winter in memory.**

The Washington area has been virtually paralyzed since a storm Friday evening dumped nearly one metre of snow, shutting down the federal government, making travel perilous and leaving residents scrambling to stock up on groceries.

Yesterday's blizzard compounded the problems for Washington and brought new ones to New York and other northeastern cities. In Pennsylvania, the governor closed large stretches of major highways because the second major storm in less than a week was making travel too risky.

"The snow has just been relentless," said Washington fire Chief Dennis L. Ru-

**"The snow has just been relentless. It doesn't seem like we're getting much of a break."**

Dennis L. Rubin,  
Washington fire chief

bin, a D.C. native who said the back-to-back storms are like nothing he has ever experienced. "It doesn't seem like we're getting much of a break."

Washington broke a centuries-old record for snowfall, with 139 centimetres collected, more than one centimetre above the previous record from the 1898-1899 season. Nearby Baltimore also set a new record, and meteorologists warned the severe weather may not be the last the region has seen this year. A snow

record also was set in Philadelphia to the north.

"The winter, of course, is not even close to being over yet," said Eric Wilhelm, a meteorologist with AccuWeather, who predicted the winter of 2009-10 will almost certainly go down as the snowiest on record along the East Coast.

New York, which managed to avoid last week's snowstorm, was not so lucky yesterday. The city was blanketed by the winter storm, which forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and caused the United Nations to order its workers to stay home, along with the city's 1.1 million school children.

But others braved the conditions to make the trek to the job. Harry Tucker, 44, a bond trader waited for a commuter train in Pelham, N.Y., to take him into the city.

"I work on commission," he said. "If I don't work I don't get paid."

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### News in brief

**AFGHANISTAN** U.S. Marines fired smoke rounds yesterday and armoured vehicles manoeuvred close to Taliban positions to test insurgent defences ahead of an anticipated attack on the biggest militant-controlled town in southern Afghanistan. A NATO spokesman in Brussels called on Taliban militants holding Marjah to surrender.

**COURT** A Texas man and his girlfriend were sentenced to nine years in prison for recruiting Mexican women to give birth in the U.S. and sell their babies to couples there, a judge said yesterday. Amado Torres and Maria Isabel Hernandez of Mexico paid women up to \$3,000 for their newborns, said Tamaulipas state Judge Jose Luis Bazan.

**IRAN** Iranian authorities have rounded up alleged opposition activists ahead of celebrations today to mark the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, the country's top police official said. The reported raids are part of a broad offensive by Iran to intimidate anti-government demonstrators from trying to disrupt state-backed celebrations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man who identified himself as Evans Monsigrace, 28, is attended at the Salvation Army medical centre after being brought in by two men in Port-au-Prince, Monday.

## Fruit, water may have saved trapped man

### Haiti Crisis

**The tale seems dubious: that a rice vendor survived 27 days trapped under the rubble of a flea market following Haiti's devastating earthquake.**

Skeptical health workers said no one could live that long without water and the last confirmed survivor found was a 16-year-old girl removed from rubble 15 days after the Jan. 12 quake. The only sources for the story were the two Haitian men who showed up at a clinic carrying the vendor, dehydrated and malnourished with rail-thin legs.

But then the patient became lucid enough to tell his tale Tuesday. And while his account has not been independently verified,

### Death toll

- The Haiti quake killed 170,000 people, the Haitian government said Tuesday.

doctors now say the 28-year-old man could have survived on water and possibly some fruit beneath the rubble.

The man — identified as Evans Monsigrace — told doctors he had just finished selling rice for the day at a downtown Port-au-Prince flea market when the quake hit. He said he didn't suffer any major injuries and was trapped on his side in an area where food and drink vendors were selling their goods.

"Based on that (his story), we believe him," said Dr. Dushyantha Jayaweera, a physician at the Universi-

ty of Miami Medshare field hospital where hundreds of patients have been treated since the quake.

The story began when two men first took the vendor to a Salvation Army medical centre in Port-au-Prince on Monday, saying he had been trapped since the earthquake. He was later moved to the University of Miami hospital because of his critical condition.

"He came in delirious, asking to die," said Nery Ynclan, a University of Miami media officer in Haiti, noting that Creole translators were at the field hospital.

Ynclan said the rice vendor was in stable condition Tuesday and being treated for dehydration and malnutrition. He was nibbling on chocolate, she said.

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### News in brief

**ACCIDENT** A TV news helicopter pilot steered his crippled, out-of-control aircraft away from a busy highway before crashing in a grassy field during rush hour yesterday, losing his own life but avoiding greater casualties. A cameraman onboard was seriously injured. The Record TV helicopter was destroyed after going down next to the track of Sao Paulo's Jockey Club horse racing complex, a few hundred metres from heavy traffic on the thoroughfare.

**DEATH** A knife-wielding Palestinian police officer killed an Israeli soldier yesterday as he sat in a jeep stopped at a traffic light in the West Bank, the military said, in a rare case of violence recently in the territory.

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## Helicopters ferry bodies from site of avalanches

**RESCUE** Helicopters ferried rescuers to and bodies away from the site of massive avalanches that blocked an important mountain pass north of Kabul as the death toll soared yesterday to over 160, officials said. Hundreds more remained trapped in snowbound cars.

Afghan army troops dug through huge snowdrifts trying to rescue people from buried vehicles in the Salang Pass, a key road that connects the Afghan capital with the north.

The 3.5 miles of road that were subsumed in the avalanches have been cleared of snow, but are littered with abandoned or snow-

packed cars that still make much of it impassable, said the public works minister, Suharab Ali Safari. Interior Ministry spokesman Zemeri Bashary said rescuers have recovered 166 bodies from the Salang Pass, 70 miles north of Kabul, over the past two days. Some of the victims were found frozen to death inside their vehicles, while in other cases, their bodies were strewn along the road, he said.

Bashary said late yesterday that the rescue was "95 per cent over," suggesting authorities did not expect further increases in the death toll.

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# Business

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## Bioniche posts first-ever quarterly profit in 2009

**EARNINGS** Bioniche Life Sciences Inc. recorded its first-ever quarterly profit at the end of 2009, boosted by revenues from a licensing agreement with an American firm.

The biopharmaceutical company said yesterday its

net and comprehensive income totalled \$2.7 million or four cents a share in the second quarter ended Dec. 31. That reversed a year-earlier loss of \$2.4 million.

Revenues jumped 61 per cent to \$13.8 million from \$8.6 million.

The Belleville, Ont.-firm said it received a \$6 million US payment from Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc. as part of its deal to sell the exclusive right to develop and market its bladder cancer drug Urocidin in the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Honda widens recall

Automaker adds 41,000 more cars in Canada

**Honda Motor Co. is adding 437,000 vehicles to its 15-month-old global recall for faulty airbags in the latest quality problem to hit a Japanese automaker.**

The company will replace the driver's side air bag inflator in the cars because they can deploy with too much pressure, causing the inflator to rupture and injure or kill the driver.

Japan's No. 2 automaker originally announced the recall to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in November 2008 and the total number of vehicles recalled since then is nearing 1 million.

The latest expansion of the airbag recall includes 378,000 cars in the U.S. and 41,000 cars in Canada.

Honda's latest U.S. airbag recall affects certain 2001 and 2002 Accord sedans, Civic compacts,



Honda Motor Co. is adding 17,000 more cars in Japan and elsewhere to an existing global recall over faulty airbags.

Odyssey minivans, CR-V small sport utility vehicles and some 2002 Acura TL sedans.

Honda said it is aware of 12 incidents linked to the problem — one death in May 2009 and 11 injuries.

Last month Honda recalled 646,000 2007-08 Fit hatchbacks because of a glitch that could cause water to enter the power window mechanism, causing components to overheat.

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## Air Canada 4th quarter loss drops to \$56M

**AIRLINES** Air Canada beat expectations yesterday by reporting that it lost \$56 million in the fourth quarter, a dramatic improvement from the same period in 2008.

The quarterly loss would have been even bigger if not for \$108 million in gains on foreign exchange.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Montreal-based airline company had a net loss of \$727 million, including \$527 million in foreign exchange losses.

Premium cabin revenues,

which are key to Air Canada's financial health, showed signs of improvement as losses decreased from earlier in the year.

The airline benefited in the final period of the year from an eight per cent drop in operating expenses as lower fuel and favourable foreign exchange trimmed \$213 million in costs.

Air Canada is sticking to its goal of achieving \$500 million in annual cost savings and revenue enhancements by 2011.

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## Business in brief

**AWARD** Toyota has declined to accept a Japanese government energy efficiency award given to its hybrid Prius, saying yesterday the honour is not appropriate for a car hit by massive recalls. The Prius was one of the three products that won the annual trade minister's grand prize for energy efficiency.

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# Online lenders target web-savvy customers

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For now, the site is accepting applications only for smaller loans, from \$1,000 to \$25,000, and is targeting "good quality borrowers" with "good to strong" credit (a score of about 657 or higher), said Colin Henderson, chief technology officer.

He thinks young, web-savvy customers won't be afraid to embrace the relatively new idea and will be among the first to take the



Online transactions can now include loans.

plunge on the borrowers' side.

"We would expect younger, what you might call Gen-X, Gen-Y types, people who are interested in a different alternative and doing it all online as opposed to visiting a traditional bank branch," he said.

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with online experiences and how these things would work."

Borrowers must fill out a profile outlining their credit history and why they're seeking the money. Their application is then turned over to lenders, who can bid for the loan by setting the interest rate they're willing to lend at, which ranges widely between about six and 29 per cent.

On the lender side, CommunityLend is being cautious at its launch and is only accepting "accredited investors," as defined by the Ontario Securities Commission. That means investors with assets of at least \$1 million and annual income of at least \$200,000, or a household income of at least \$300,000.

Risk also is being mitigated by splitting each loan among 10 lenders, to spread out losses if someone can't pay back their debt.

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## Printer to sell U.S. holdings

**SALE** Printing company Transcontinental Inc. is dramatically reducing its U.S. presence after agreeing to sell its American direct mail operations to IWCO Direct of Minnesota for an undisclosed price.

The Montreal-based company said it decided to exit the troubled U.S. business after 12 years to focus on its core printing, publishing and media operations which are located primarily in Canada. Transcontinental CEO Francois Olivier said the company acted because it didn't want to lead this industry's much-needed consolidation.

"We feel that our core business of printing in Canada, publishing in Canada and building this marketing services sector is more strategic for Transcontinental as opposed to be the direct marketing consolidator in the U.S.," he said in an interview.

Discussions with its largest direct marketing rival began last summer after Transcontinental approached IWCO.

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Rangers leading scorer Marian Gaborik missed New York's game against Nashville last night because of a cut on his right leg caused by the skate of teammate Henrik Lundqvist one day earlier in practice. Gaborik, who has a team-high 35 goals and 69 points, was ruled out by Rangers coach John Tortorella about two hours before game time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cut forces Gaborik out of lineup

# Sports

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Shawn Horcoff of the Edmonton Oilers and Troy Bodie of the Anaheim Ducks battle for the puck last night.

## Two streaks extended

### NHL RESULTS

Oilers 2 Ducks 3



Todd Marchant scored the go-ahead goal with 11:39 left in the third period and the Anaheim Ducks beat Edmonton 3-2 last night, setting a franchise record with their 11th straight home victory and extending the Oilers' club-record road losing streak to 11 games.

Bobby Ryan scored twice, and Jonas Hiller made 17 of his 37 saves during the first period in the opener of the four-

game season series.

The Ducks are 13-5-0 in their last 18 and just two points behind Calgary for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot. They played without Ryan Getzlaf, who sprained his left ankle Monday night in a 4-2 win over Los Angeles.

Ryan Potulny and Ethan Moreau scored short-handed goals in the second period for the Oilers, whose penalty-killing unit had produced only one over the first 58 games.

Jeff Deslauriers made 27 saves.

Edmonton, mired in a 3-22-2 freefall, is at the bottom of the NHL standings with 42 points — seven behind Toronto.

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L.A. Clippers at Golden State

#### NBA

## Road game close to home for some Rush players

**NLL** Brodie Merrill and Gavin Prout of the Edmonton Rush plan on walking to their next road game.

They're in great shape. They'll make it. Actually, it won't be as tiring as it sounds.

The game is in Toronto against the Rock on Friday night. Merrill will have to walk west for less than 10 minutes from his apartment to Air Canada Centre and Prout's weekday job is in an office five blocks north of the arena.

**"It's going to be pretty refreshing considering the amount of travel I've experienced during my time in the league."** Brodie Merrill

Merrill spent his first four NLL seasons with the now-defunct Portland, Wash., team that never played Toronto.

"It's going to be pretty refreshing considering the amount of travel I've experienced during my time in the league," Merrill said of the Friday stroll. "I grew up following and supporting the Rock, especially in the time my brother (Pat Merrill, now playing for the New York Titans) was a member of the team.

"Friday night

should be a special experience for many reasons."

Prout, who last played in Toronto three years ago when he was with the Colorado Mammoth, usually goes from the office to the airport to get to 16 regular-season games. This week, he'll stroll over to the team's hotel after work Thursday to check in with his teammates.

"Having my family and friends being able to come out and support me will be great," said Prout. "Hopefully they'll give us enough support to pull out a win."

His father, mother, sister, brother, co-workers and as many as 50 friends will take in the tilt.

"My family may come to watch me play in a couple of weeks in Rochester but this is the only time most of my friends and relatives will watch me play this year," he added. "It definitely will not feel like a road game."

Other Rush players won't have to travel far this week either.

Scott Stewart and Dean Hill also live in Toronto,

while Prout, Pat Jones and GM-coach Derek Keenan live in nearby Oshawa,

and Derek

Suddons resides in Whitby. Rush players from Ontario who live in the west or who are in Edmonton for the NLL season include captain Chris McElroy of Orlillia, goalie Matt Disher of Arthur, Scott Tinning of Kitchener, Andy Secore of Hamilton, Cory Small of St. Catharines and Ian Hawksbee of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Keenan last had a team play at Air Canada Centre in 2004 when he was GM in Toronto after taking over from an ailing Les Bartley, on whose coaching staff he'd served during four NLL title runs. He's put together formidable teams elsewhere in the ensuing years including in Portland before taking over the Rush this year.

"I think it'll be a bit weird going in there," Keenan said of returning to the ACC. "It's been a long time."

"It's a place I've known success. It was good times, and I learned a lot, too."

Most visiting NLL teams have Ontario-raised players but it seems the Rush have more than most so Keenan is sure to impress upon his players that they've got to think about the game plan more than about friends and family showing up to watch them play.

Edmonton is 3-2 and second in the West Division and Toronto is 5-1 atop the East.

"We have a tough challenge ahead of us because they're a very good team," said Keenan. "We need to focus more on that than where we're playing."

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## Talbot glad to be joining Eskimos after trade from Argos

**CFL** Receiver Andre Talbot is not sad to leave the only professional football team he has known, welcoming a trade to the Edmonton Eskimos while saying he had found it increasingly difficult "to be motivated" to continue playing for the Toronto Argonauts.

Talbot, acquired in one of two significant moves executed by the Eskimos yesterday, had spent each of his first nine CFL seasons with the Argos and was one of the last veteran holdovers from the team's last Grey Cup win in 2004. He and fellow Canadian receiver Brad Smith were sent

to Edmonton for import defensive tackle Eric Taylor and a conditional pick in the 2011 draft.

"I can't say I was really surprised," Talbot told The Canadian Press. "And to be honest with you, I'm kind of quite happy with it. It's just been such a negative environment around here for the past couple of years, and I was finding it hard to be motivated to be a part of this organization anymore."

The Argos also announced they had released veteran cornerback Jordan Younger, another member of Toronto's 2004 championship team.

"Obviously, change is necessary for the Argo organization right now," Talbot said.

"And I think change is also necessary for me right now. I'm happy that I'm going to an organization that's known to have world-class facilities, and they seem to be heading in the right direction."

In addition to the trade, the Eskimos also announced they had signed veteran Canadian linebacker Javier Glatt. The former West Division all-star had spent each of his first

years ago.

"Javier is a proven commodity in the CFL," Eskimos general manager Danny Maciocia said in a release. "He's experienced, tough and will be a very positive addition to our defence."

Edmonton finished third in the West Division last season with a 9-9 record, but fell to the Calgary Stampeders in the division semi-final.

"I'm thrilled with the opportunity to compete for a job with the Eskimos," Glatt said. "I hope my experience, skill set and attitude will add to a very solid team."

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**Carter would replace Getzlaf: Source**

Jeff Carter will take Ryan Getzlaf's spot on Team Canada if the Anaheim Ducks centre is unable to play because of injury, a source told The Canadian Press yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Vancouver Games

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## Injury may keep Vonn out of Games

**SKING** Lindsey Vonn is worried a badly-bruised right shin will keep her out of the Vancouver Olympics, a startling announcement so close to the start of an event shaping up as a showcase for the U.S. skiing star.

Vonn revealed yesterday that she was injured in a slalom training run Feb. 2 during a pre-Olympic practice in Austria. It was her first trip down the slopes of what was supposed to be three

 Lindsey Vonn  
days of practice.  
"I'm sitting here today questioning whether, you know, I'll be even able to ski," Vonn said at a news conference. "I have to play it by ear."

As a two-time reigning overall World Cup champion, the 25-year-old who lives and trains in Vail, Colo., has been considered a contender to win multiple medals.

Asked whether she could be forced to sit out altogether, Vonn replied: "Yeah, that's a possibility."

She hasn't skied since getting hurt and said it's even been painful to simply put on a pair of ski boots in her hotel room to test the leg. Vonn said the bruising covers about a 15-centimetre swath of her lower right leg but she refused to get any X-rays to check whether she broke a bone because she didn't want to know.

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Canada's Charles Hamelin, left, moves up on Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States during the final of the men's 1000-metre event at the short-track speedskating ISU World Cup in Montreal on Nov. 8. The two are expected to compete for Olympic gold.

## Short-track showdown

### U.S. superstar Ohno stands between Hamelin and gold

**Bring up the name of celebrity skater Apolo Anton Ohno with members of Canada's short-track speedskating team and they will provide no shortage of opinions.**

This is clearly someone they've spent time thinking about.

Ohno, who goes into the Vancouver Games threatening to become the most decorated American Winter Olympian in history, will be competing directly with Canadian star Charles Hamelin for medals.

That makes for a spirit of grudging respect and subtle hostility towards Ohno, a five-time Olympic medalist with a Hollywood atti-

#### On the web

Learn more about Charles Hamelin in an interactive profile at [metronews.ca/olympics](http://metronews.ca/olympics)

tude, in the Canadian camp.

"He's all right, he's been better," Canadian speedskater Olivier Jean said nonchalantly.

"He's a skater who really knows the game and is always well placed and has excellent strategies, with a lot of experience, but he's not as dominant physically now compared with the other athletes."

Ohno and Hamelin are ri-

vals, but the two couldn't be more different — at least on the surface.

"Charles is less of a showman, less pretentious, less arrogant," said medal favourite Kalynda Roberge of her teammate.

Ohno is competing at his third Games at age 27. He is one of the best-known amateur athletes in the world, an entertainer whose hip-hop freestyle and paso doble famously took him to the top on the TV show Dancing with the Stars. Requests for interviews with Ohno must go through his agent, rather than US Speedskating.

Hamelin, 25, has become a star in his native Quebec,

but remains slightly shy and intensely focused. After Hamelin and his teammates were eclipsed by Ohno's star power at a 2008 world cup competition in Vancouver, they've worked on raising the profile of the Canadian athletes in time for the Games, where many fans from Ohno's hometown of Seattle will be in attendance.

"(Charles) is more discreet, more Quebecois," team leader Yves Hamelin said of his son. "It's harder for him to play a role. He's very available, he's going to give back a lot to the sport, and as much to the media as to his sponsors."

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## Gretzky avoids questions about role

**REMARKS** Wayne Gretzky made an appearance on the eve of the Vancouver Games and added to the growing speculation he might be given a significant role in the opening ceremonies.

The Great One avoided a swarm of reporters after speaking briefly at a promotional event for one of his sponsors yesterday, twice slipping out side exits rather than facing questions ahead of the Olympics. There are rumours he could be involved in Friday's opening ceremonies at B.C. Place — perhaps as the final torchbearer — and Gretzky did little to squelch that talk by aggressively ducking the media.

His public comments were limited to a one-minute speech delivered to a crowd that included dignitaries such as B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell and John Furlong, CEO of the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee. During that address, Gretzky recalled being in Prague as part of the team bidding for the Vancouver Olympics.

"I remember sitting with Premier Campbell and Mr. Furlong and we kept saying the same thing: 'This really is a great city, this is really a great province and this really is a great country,'" he said.

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## Battening down... the bedroom

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**Typically hiding behind closed doors from those invited over for tea — the bedroom is the most personal space in the house.**

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Jacqueline Glass

a beautiful fabric headboard for the bed you can create a space that is beautiful and inviting to be in."

Glass said to build the bed up, giving it height and amplifying the cushionness factor.

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"Bedrooms should be soothing," said Glass, who runs design company Jacqueline Glass and Associates. "With gorgeous linens and lots of Euro shams and

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### Homes in Style

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# Simple solutions for cleaning up

**They are the cleaning jobs around the house that can drive even the most ardent neat freak a bit batty — the vase you can't properly wash or the tile grout that isn't as fresh-looking as it once was.**

In Real Simple Solutions, the editors of Real Simple magazine are sharing some of their wisdoms, tricks and easy ideas to not only take the elbow grease out of cleaning, but also simplify everyday life using products you already have around the house.

Among their advice is how to use an everyday fabric-softner sheet for more than just preventing dryer cling:

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**SAWDUST CLEANER:** For wiping up sawdust after drilling, you need some-

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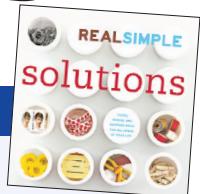
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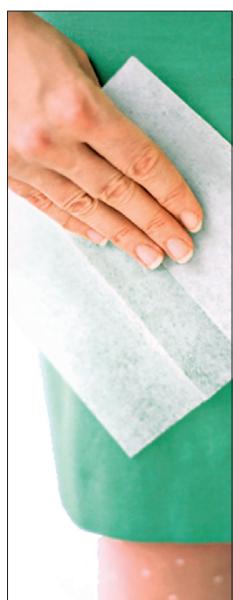
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# Style

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Take a cue from the celebs and embrace red during this blah time of year. Pictured, left to right, actors Julianne Moore and Cameron Diaz and country singer Taylor Swift.

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### Chung for Madewell collection

Alexa Chung is many things: TV personality, model, DJ, writer, photographer, downtown-cool style icon, best-dressed-list mainstay... and now she can add fashion designer to the list. She's partnering with Madewell, the heritage denim label that's part of J.Crew Group, to create an exclusive collection — her first-ever collaboration with any label — due to debut fall 2010.

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# Lady in red

A shade sure to electrify your wardrobe

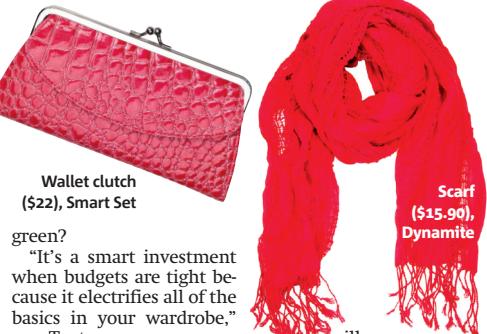
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for Metro Canada

This month, we'll be seeing red. A lot of it. And it won't just be in the form of Valentines, cinnamon hearts and cellophane-wrapped bouquets.

Forward-thinking fashionistas are embracing red during this — the blah-est — time of year. Metro spoke with two of Canada's foremost fashion experts to find out why red is so hot this season.

"Red is always hot," says Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine. "It feels particularly 'right' now because it gives off a burst of energy and passion at a dull time of year. It's also a classic look that is appropriate for any age and skin tone."

What if you want to wear red, but you're low on



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green? "It's a smart investment when budgets are tight because it electrifies all of the basics in your wardrobe," says Tant.

Anita Clarke, editor and founder of Toronto-based fashion blog I Want I Got, has some tips on how to best wear red:

"Pay close attention to fit," she advises. "Red gowns are truly dramatic but cocktail dresses can be more fun and playful. For either style, I would wear a dress that has (few) details ... the colour and a clean

silhouette should be the focus of the outfit. I like minimal accessories in a neutral colour, with black being my default."

If you're not a woman who feels comfortable in head-to-toe red, the vibrant hue also makes a great accent colour. (How many times have we heard What Not To Wear's Stacy London extol the virtues of a cute red shoe?). If a crimson gown is not your scene, try accessorizing a dark wool coat or black dress with a carmine purse, scarlet scarf or maybe even a raspberry beret.

"Red adds radiance and a glow to skin," explains Tant.

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# Red-dressing your home

Just like red accessories add drama to an outfit, red home accents heat up a room instantly

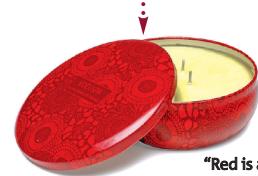
"The Home Depot is hot for the color red. And not only because it is the quintessential color for Valentine's Day, a celebration day in the middle of winter, but because red brings out emotions that many of us need this time of year — especially after the tough economic year we just had."

Frank Turco, Colour Trend and Design manager, The Home Depot

Euphoria Nine-Light Polished Chrome Chandelier, \$299, The Home Depot.



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Will Moskal, Public Relations Coordinator, Indigo Books

Voluspa Goji Berry hand-poured three-wick tin candle, \$24.99, Indigo and Chapters.



"Red is a power colour no matter where you see it, it's the starlet of all colours that instantly brings style and boldness into your home."

Aimee Beatty, Pier 1 Imports Stylist

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"Laundry rooms are moving from basements ... to high-traffic areas in the home, creating the opportunity to consider washers and dryers as part of your home's main decor."

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## Go for the silver Jewelry to honour the games

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**JEWELRY** A young Sasquatch with a passion for hockey, a surfing sea bear with a snowboarding obsession, a sports-enthusiast animal spirit with thunderbird wings, and an extroverted marmot with a fondness for food... meet the mascots of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Inspired by West Coast First Nations folklore, Quatchi, Miga, Sumi and games-sidekick MukMuk are also quirky charms in a line of jewelry by Birks, official jeweler of the games.

Birks Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics Collection mascot charms: Miga charm (left), Muk Muk (right). Both \$75.

Most represented is the official emblem, a contemporary interpretation of an inukshuk, the Inuit rock structure and navigational marker. Called Ilanaaq, which means "friend" in the Inuktitut language, "it's something we can all embrace," says Birks design director Marion Cameron. "It's uniquely Canadian and stands for hope and friendship, which also has great



Birks Ilanaaq Necklace with nature charms (\$150)

meaning for the games."

The designer's mandate was to incorporate official graphic images sanctioned by the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC) in a line that captures the spirit of the games, the Birks brand and the Birks consumer as well as fans of the sports.

The Birks collection includes cufflinks for him, and lifestyle items such as key rings, drink charms, even a charm for cell phones.

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Tom Felton is teaming up with Ashley Greene for a ghostly new movie. The British actor, best known for playing villainous Draco Malfoy in the wizard films, has signed up to star in spooky story *The Apparition*, about a young couple haunted by a supernatural presence unleashed during a college experiment. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Entertainment

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## New Mission

Paramount has confirmed a report from DeadlineHollywood.com that Tom Cruise is attached to star in *Mission Impossible IV*. He will also produce the film, which is to open in 2011.

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## Sade still the ultimate in cool

### Sade

**Album:** Soldier of Love  
**Label:** Epic/Sony  
**Rating:**



**SADE'S SMOOTH OPERATOR** personified "cool" in the mid-'80s. Twenty five years later, Sade still is still the ultimate in cool, despite the rather obvious military-style drumming on the title track, *Soldier of Love*. Indeed, it's amazing how little Sade's sound has changed in all that time. Long and lingering vocals stretched out over a snail's pace with an occasional flash of more-than competent musicianship. Lyrically, however, the uber confidence of Smooth Operator has been replaced by mid-life regrets, doubts and outright tears. But it all comes together — strings, horns and all — on the exquisitely paced track *In Another Time*.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

the haunting, crunchy sounds and deep, crunk-like vocals is a trick. If you can get past that sludgy (though intriguing) tune, you'll discover a world of beautiful electro pop. Ambiling Alp is a gorgeous, even inspirational tune ("stick up for yourself son," goes the chorus), while the others songs are thickly layered with electronic instrumentation, rich harmonies, some Graceland-like beats and a lot more. There's rarely a dull second on this fantastic, thought-provoking disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Yeasayer

**Album:** Odd Blood  
**Label:** Secretly Canadian  
**Rating:**



**DON'T BE FOOLED** by the first track off Yeasayer's latest disc —



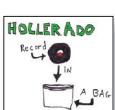
*Soldier of Love* is the first studio album from British-Nigerian singer Sade in a decade.

### Hollerado

**Album:** Record in a Bag  
**Label:** Royal Mountain Records  
**Rating:**

**SOUND-GARDEN'S RE-UNITING,**

flannel's back in vogue and people are throwing '90s parties, so naturally a band that sounds like it came straight out of the 20th century's last decade is getting a lot of buzz. At least Toronto's Hollerado deserves much of the hype — their Weezer-meets-Strokes-in-a-bar-on-the-East-Coast vibe is extremely catchy. The tracks are all upbeat and fun — an excellent combo for a debut disc like this. They still have some work to do; *Fake*



Drugs sounds too much like Rivers Cuomo, and other songs are lacking in parts, but these guys are on to something.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### Massive Attack

**Album:** Heligoland  
**Label:** Virgin/EMI  
**Rating:**

**TWO YEARS AGO** Portishead reinvented themselves and left trip-hop behind them. After seven years since their last album, Massive Attack are

trying to do the same. Heligoland finds co-founding member Daddy G re-joining mainstay 3-D, but unfortunately this reunion is more 100th Window than Blue Lines. The first half of Heligoland drags like a corpse, with lacklustre vocal turns and beats that expired in the '90s. But Heligoland is a bottom-heavy listen. Guests Guy Garvey and Hope Sandoval resuscitate the flow in the second half with their contributions, while Damon Albarn's Saturday Comes Slow is the kind of sparkling dirge that can realign Massive Attack with their one-time peers.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

### Midlake

**Album:** The Courage of Others  
**Label:** Bella Union  
**Rating:**



**MIDLAKE HASN'T MADE** it a secret that the follow-up to their critically acclaimed Trials of Van Ocapanther would be a pretty big departure for the band. And they were right. The Courage of Others is a slow, haunting record that takes a page out of '60s British folk. The Grizzly Bear-like sounds from their last disc

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aren't gone — they just appear in a different light. The album isn't as immediately inviting as Van Ocapanther, but it does get less confusing and more accessible with each listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

### The Hot Rats

**Album:** Turn Ons  
**Label:** Fat Possum  
**Rating:**



**WHILE WAITING FOR** their bassist Mickey to recover from a broken back, Danny and Gaz from Supergrass became a duo under the name The Hot Rats. Recorded with Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich, Turn Ons is an album of covers, which as the title suggests is 12 personal favourites spanning the last 40 years. Taking on everyone from Bowie to The Cure, Gaz and Danny apply their Supergrass template and come out with some fresh perspectives, like a space-rock spin on the Beastie Boys' *Fight For Your Right*. The result is a dozen rave-ups catered for both classic rock and Britpop enthusiasts alike.

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**Oscar winner diagnosed with cancer**

Oscar-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr. has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the actor announced on Tuesday. The 72-year-old won an Oscar in 1982 for his role in *An Officer and a Gentleman*. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)



# Percy Jackson is a kid with an epic secret

**It's a tough task launching a CGI-packed adventure only weeks after animation spectacular *Avatar* becomes the biggest grossing movie ever.**

Even if the director is Harry Potter heavy weight Chris Columbus.

But Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, has a secret weapon: Logan Lerman, a blue-eyed 18-year old ready to set teenage girls' hearts aflutter worldwide.

"I'm really proud of this movie, and I'm ready to be recognized," a relaxed Logan Lerman tells Metro at London's fashionable Gloucester Palace hotel.

Alongside him on the podium are assorted members of the star studded crew, including Pierce Brosnan, Steve Coogan and Kevin McKidd.

Despite his youth, Lerman has already starred with Mel Gibson twice (The Patriot and What Women Want). And Chris Columbus found what he was looking for in his leading young man in the western 3:10 to Yuma.

Columbus sees a future box-office superstar in Lerman and calls him a 40-year-old person in a 17-year-old body.

"I started very young,"

**"Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon."**

Lerman says, "I'm from Los Angeles and there's always an audition for some commercial just around the corner."

In *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, Lerman plays a troubled high school student who stumbles across an astonishing secret: He's the son of Greek god of the oceans, Poseidon (Kevin McKidd).

And it gets worse. He is suspected of stealing bad tempered Zeus' lightning bolt and is hunted by monsters and



Logan Lerman plays the son of a Greek god in *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*.

gods alike who want to prevent the outbreak of war.

Percy sets out on a quest to prove his innocence and rescue his mother who has been napped by Hades (Steve Coogan).

The movie

is based on Rick Riordan's best sellers that mixes Greek mythology with 21st century U.S.A. (The portal to Olympus is on the Empire State Building and the way to hell goes via Hollywood).

Percy quickly learns sword-fighting and how to control his power over water, both inherited from his absent father.

He is brought to Camp Half-blood where other children of "Gods who have fallen in love with humans" are taught how to survive as demigods.

It looks a lot like summer camp, but with lethal ancient weapons.

Percy does some intense sword-fighting with budding love interest Anna-beth (Alexandra Daddario), who is the daughter of Athena and no push-over.

"We only really had one fight and we didn't want to hurt each other.

"It was kind of stiff so to make it look better I let her hit me, and it looked great," Lerman recalls.

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## Ellen hits the right note

**TV** Fans took to the Internet to express their pleasant surprise over the 52-year-old funnylady's debut as the singing competition's fourth judge.

Ellen DeGeneres assumed her judging panel post for Tuesday's episode chronicling the first round of Hollywood Week, the cutthroat post-audition phase in which 181 contestants will be narrowed down to 24 semifinalists.

The majority of folks posting about DeGeneres on Twitter praised her performance. Some said they were only tuning in for DeGeneres, but not everyone was a devotee. A denim ensemble worn by DeGeneres, also host of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, was mocked by a few Tweeters.

When Fox announced that DeGeneres, an Emmy winner with no formal music experience, would be the new judge last September, fans were divided over the unlikely replacement for Paula Abdul, the



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**"So this is it, huh? I come on, you leave."**

Ellen DeGeneres to fellow judge Simon Cowell

sugary sweet pop singer who judged *Idol* since it debuted in 2002 then left amid contract negotiations after the eighth season ended last year.

"Ellen completely met my expectations," said Dave Della Terza, founder

of VoteForTheWorst.com, which encourages viewers to champion bad — but entertaining — singers.

"She was trying way too hard. Her critiques weren't funny because no one wants to see a standup act at the judges' table."

But Andy Dehnart, editor of the popular reality TV blog [www.reality-blurred.com](#) and a lecturer at Stetson University, said DeGeneres seemed "more polished and on-point than the people who've been sitting at that table for eight years." DeGeneres is on the judging panel alongside Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Kara DioGuardi.

"Ellen DeGeneres keeps surprising us," he said. "She excels as a talk show host, and if she keeps up what she did tonight, she'll easily establish herself as the best judge."

DeGeneres' addition comes at a time of change for the aging Fox franchise, which is produced by 19 Entertainment and FremantleMedia North America. Cowell is leaving at the end of the current season to judge and executive produce an American version of *The X Factor*, a talent show he created in Britain. DeGeneres didn't let Cowell off for the move.

"So this is it, huh?" she whispered to him after joining the panel. "I come on, you leave."

Several names have been bandied about as potential Cowell replacements but Fox and the show's producers have not announced a replacement for the acerbic British judge.

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For a good cause, NBC stars, including Amy Poehler and Peter Krause

and anchorman Brian Williams, are weighing in on what parenthood means to them.

The network has joined with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America in a campaign intended to promote discussion about parenthood and raise funds for the group's Family Strengthening Initiative.

For each person who finishes the sentence "Parenthood is..." for submission at The Parenthood Project website, NBC will contribute \$20 US to the initiative. The network, which launched the site Tuesday, said it's committed to donating \$100,000.

Poehler, who stars in the NBC comedy *Parks&Recre-*

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, concluded that parenthood is "something funny happening every day," while Williams called it "as rewarding as anything in life."

NBC isn't being entirely altruistic: The network has an upcoming series, *Parenthood* and is weaving promotion of the show in with the campaign.

The hour-long drama, based on the 1989 movie of the same name, debuts 9 p.m. EST on March 1. Its ensemble cast includes Krause, Lauren Graham, Craig T. Nelson and Bonnie Bedelia.

NBC is passionate about the series and wants to generate interest in it, but also saw a chance to "achieve our goals and do some good along the way" by teaming with Boys&Girls Clubs, said Adam Stotsky, president of NBC Entertainment Marketing.

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Amy Poehler



Naomi Campbell has no intention of giving up modelling. The 39-year-old beauty — who was one of the '90s supermodels — wants to continue with her life on the catwalk because she still gets a thrill out of doing it. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

## In brief

**DEATH** Phil Harris, the fishing boat captain whose adventures off the Alaska coast were captured on the cable television show *Deadliest Catch*, has died, the Discovery Channel said. He was 53. Harris suffered what his family described as a massive stroke on Jan. 29 while the fishing vessel he captained, *Cornelia Marie*, was in port at St. Paul Island, Alaska. The fisherman was flown to Anchorage for surgery. The reality show depicts the crab fishing industry in the dangerous waters off Alaska.

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## Rice readies new video book

**Anne Rice is giving the video book a try.**

The author of *Interview With a Vampire*, *The Vampire Lestat* and many other favourites has agreed to terms with the video book company Vook on a multimedia edition of *The Master of Rampling Gate*, a vampire story published in Redbook magazine in 1984 and set in an England mansion in the 19th century.

"Vook represents a very exciting combination of

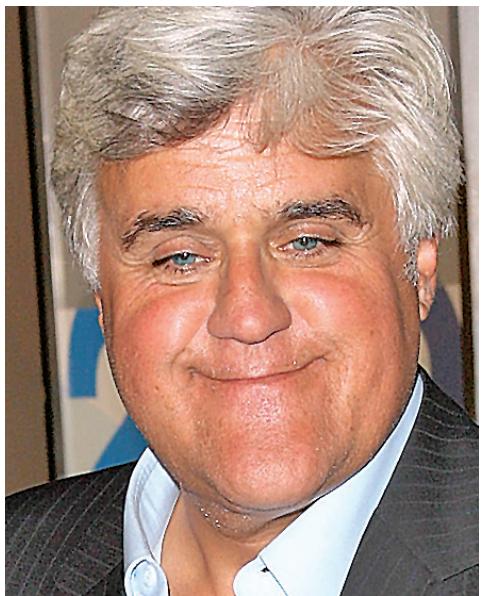
new technological elements, that I think is long overdo in publishing," Rice said in a statement released Wednesday by Vook. "I'm excited that *The Master of Rampling Gate* is going to have new life in this form, and cannot wait to see the finished product. I'm not sure that my mind can conceive of all the possibilities of this new form. I'm learning. And it feels good."

Opinions are still mixed

among publishers and authors about video books, or vooks, with some calling them a gimmick and others saying new formats are needed for the Internet age. The product integrates text, video and social networking.

Vook founder Bradley Inman says *The Sherlock Holmes Experience*, based on two stories by Conan Doyle, has been downloaded thousands of times.

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The Jay Leno Show is over, but the talk show host will return to The Tonight show next month.

## Final show sees Trump 'fire' Leno

Jay Leno ushered out one of television's biggest flops without sentiment on Tuesday, the final night of a prime-time experiment doomed by bad ratings and bad vibes.

Leno told a few barbed jokes about The Jay Leno Show, and Donald Trump told him "you're fired." Leno will return to his old perch at the Tonight show after the Olympics.

Desperate to keep both Leno and Conan O'Brien, NBC gave Leno a show five nights a week at 10 p.m. EST and made O'Brien the Tonight show host. The Jay Leno Show was one of the boldest scheduling moves in years, but the size of Leno's audience — while fine for late night — couldn't cut it in prime time.

Late news shows following Leno on NBC affiliates dropped sharply in the ratings. With some affiliates threatening to yank Leno, NBC proposed cutting his show to a half-hour at 11:35 p.m. and moving O'Brien back a half-hour. O'Brien refused and took a buyout from NBC.

"It seems like just yesterday I was telling NBC this was not going to work," Leno said in his final monologue, and it wasn't clear he was joking.

"This show was supposed to be on for two years," Leno said, "but we

"This show was supposed to be on for two years, but we got five months for good behaviour."

Jay Leno

got five months for good behaviour."

Leno said he should have known it wasn't going to last, and he showed a film of him pulling his car into a parking space that said, Jay Leno, No Parking After Feb. 9.

Actor Ashton Kutcher was a guest, and recently retired pro football quarterback Kurt Warner was brought on to throw a few passes to him. Actress Gabourey Sidibe came on to talk about her best actress nomination for the Academy Awards.

Leno didn't talk about the Tonight show move. The studio set, if it's kept, will require some changes: the number 10 is now laid onto the stage where Leno stands to deliver his monologue.

When the show ended, there wasn't any time to say goodbye. A question-and-answer session with NBC Sports anchor Bob Costas appeared to run long, and Leno barely had time to urge his viewers to stay tuned for the late local news.

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Supermodel Gisele Bundchen, 29, shows off the first photo of her baby boy, Benjamin, in Brazilian mag Quem. The two-month-old is all bundled up in a blue jacket and matching hat while dozing off in Bundchen's arms, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

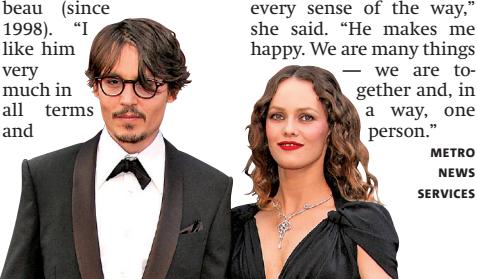
## Paris is for lovers ... of Johnny's style

**ONE THING UPON WHICH THE FRENCH AND THE REST OF THE WORLD AGREE** From the long, stringy hair and goatee to the layers of offbeat accessories and everything in between, nobody can quite pull off a look like Johnny Depp — especially as far as his longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis is concerned, people.com reports.

"I love his style, yeah, yeah, yeah!" Paradis told People magazine. "I love him, and I don't have to say I like this and I don't like that. When you love somebody, you take them as they are. I would not change him."

Besides Depp's eclectic style, the French singer and actress, 37, is attracted to all the qualities of her

beau (since 1998). "I like him very much in all terms and



## Channing shows Ellen how to strip

**AND FROM NOW ON ALL HER GUESTS MUST DO THE SAME (EXCEPT RUSH LIMBAUGH)**

American Idol judge Ellen DeGeneres seemed rhapsodic at having her talk-show guest Channing Tatum demonstrate some of the moves he made in his former job as a male dancer on her show yesterday, people.com reports.

"What kind of dancer were you, Channing?" DeGeneres asked Tatum, 29. "I was a stripper," replied the Dear John star, prompting loud applause from the in-studio audience. And so, Tatum demonstrated what men strippers do — though, not a thread was removed. Still, said Tatum, "Now I'm embarrassed."



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## CelebTweets

**SAMANTHA RONSON** doesn't like people saying she abused Lindsay Lohan, **JOHN MAYER** is feeling romantic, **EDDIE IZZARD** refuses to age, and **KIRSTIE ALLEY** is susceptible to advertising.

@samantharonson To ANYONE who perpetuates this rumour accusing me of being violently abusive after @lindsaylohan has denied it: I WILL take legal action.

@johncmayer What's that song that goes "It's a quarter after one, I just huffed a can of ceiling paint and I need you now?" I like that one.

@eddieizzard Apparently it's my birthday, I'm twenty two (as usual). Thanks for all your messages

@kirstiealley oh my god, all these infomercials are causing me mass confusion ... then I want them all



## Sheen 'committed' to making marriage work

**HOW MANY SYNONYMS ARE THERE FOR THE WORD 'RUUU-UUUN'?** Now that the court drama stemming from their Christmas morning fight is over, Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller are reportedly hoping to fix the problems in their marriage. "Charlie and

Brooke already are going through intense marriage counseling and Charlie has been very religious about attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and serious anger management counseling," a source tells the Chicago Sun-Times.

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## Is Hilton secretly engaged?

**THE LIZ TAYLOR OF FIANCÉES**

Paris Hilton may already be engaged to Doug Reinhardt and just waiting to announce it, and if so she may have just tipped her hand.

The heiress was accepting an award for her charity work at a benefit in Los Angeles when she said, "I'd like to thank my future sister-

in-law Casey Reinhardt," according to E! News.

Hilton, who has been dating Reinhardt for a year, has hinted that a wedding may be in the works, saying last month, "I wouldn't rule out a wedding in 2010. With how amazing everything is going between us, I see a very bright and happy future."

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## Anne's self-reflection

**OH, NO ANNE, YOU'RE SOOO PRETTY**

It turns out Anne Hathaway's toughest critic is herself. The Valentine's Day and Alice in Wonderland star laments her looks in the latest issue of In Style magazine. "I think I've got really weird features. I have very large features on a very small head. But, you know, I'm not going to beat myself up," she says. "I look like myself, and I think at the end of the day, as nice as pretty is, authenticity is more important." METRO WORLD NEWS



## Mayer dishes on sex with Jessica

**STAY CLASSY, MAYER** John Mayer is kissing and telling — again, usmagazine.com reports. In its exclusive peek at Playboy's March issue, the website reports the singer, 32, dishes on everything from his past relationships with Jessica Simpson and Jennifer

Aniston to his dream mate.

He dubs 29-year-old Simpson (whom he dated from 2006 to 2007) "a drug."

"And drugs aren't

good for you if you do lots of them," he says, adding, "Yeah, that girl is like crack cocaine to me."

"Sexually it was crazy. That's all I'll say," he continues.

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## Stern contemplates Idol takeover

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: MORE BOOBS, LESS SINGING**

Howard Stern insists producers have not actually made him an offer to take over for Simon Cowell on American Idol, but that doesn't mean he isn't con-

sidering it.

"You know what? OK. \$100 million to judge a

karaoke contest?

"OK. Why not? Oprah takes every offer on the table, why shouldn't I?" Stern said on his radio show.

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**HE WAS GETTING TOO OLD FOR HER**

Madonna is allegedly livid that Jesus Luz is going around telling people that he was the one who did the dumping in the breakdown of their relationship.

"She's furious and feels humiliated," a source tells the Daily Mail. "She feels he has her to thank for his modeling success and is calling all her designer friends, telling them not to use him."

But Madonna appears to have found just the thing to get over the 23-year-old Brazilian model. She's reportedly been getting cozy with 24-year-old Spanish model Jon Kortajarena after meeting him late last year.

"She has made some enquiries about him and has found out a bit more about some of his future modeling gigs in a bid to use her influence to his advantage," the source says.

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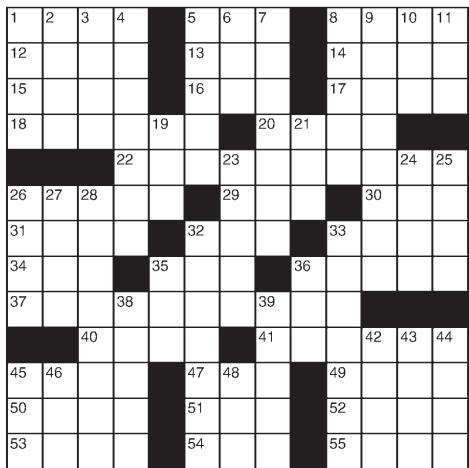
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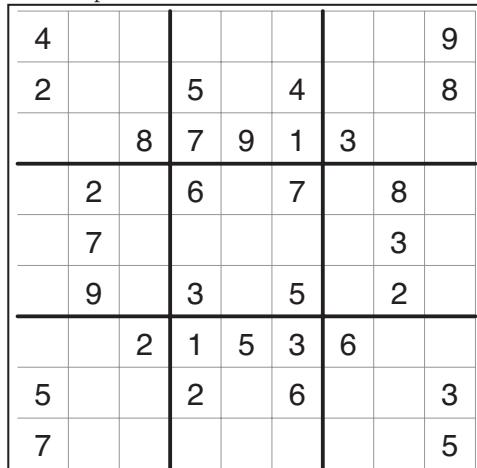
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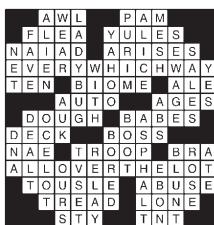
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Whether it is you keeping secrets from others or others keeping secrets from you there will certainly be plenty of deception going on.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Everyone has doubts about what they have done and what they should have done but did not.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

You know what you want and you know how to get it but it might still be wise to get as many people on your side as you possibly can.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Venus, planet of love, moves into one of the best areas of your chart today, making it easy for you to get things done.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

It will pay you to be a little less intense today, especially when dealing with employers and people in positions of power.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

Even the little things you do today will have far-reaching effects, especially on the home front.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

You should not find it too hard today to forgive someone who says something less than flattering about you.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

Communications are likely to be disrupted in some way today but there is no need to panic because it is only a minor blip in what is otherwise an excellent outlook.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

You have been revealing too much about yourself to colleagues and strangers of late and it is time to be a bit more mysterious.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

Have the courage to follow a course of action that not everyone in your social circle is likely to approve of.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Get on top of your workload today and, more importantly, stay on top of it for the rest of the week.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Venus in your sign will endow you with a more relaxed take on life over the next few days. Things that annoyed you in the past no longer matter.

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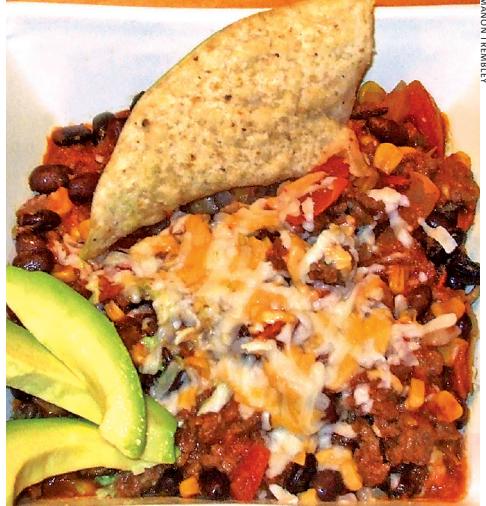
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1 can corn  
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